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83rd Chemical Battalion to receive new commander

FORT POLK, La. - Fort Polk will host a Change of Command ceremony for the 83rd Chemical Battalion, 1st Combat Support Brigade (Maneuver Enhancement) at 10 a.m., Thursday, June 21 at 1st CSB Field, here.

During the ceremony, Lt. Col. Eric Brigham will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Scott Estes who recently served on the Army Staff as a Synchronization Staff Officer, and as the Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Defense Branch Chief.

Brigham, who has commanded the brigade since July of 2005, moves to fill the US Army chemical branch manager of the Human Resource Command.

The 83d Chemical Battalion effective nuclear, biological, and chemical reconnaissance, biological surveillance, decontamination, and smoke support to protect the forces assigned to the 18th Airborne Corps. or a Joint Task Force Commander.

The inclement weather location is the Youth Services Gym.

The ceremony is open to the public.

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Media wishing to cover the ceremony should contact Samantha Evans at (337) 531-4630. Bios attached.

**** NOTE:** Media interviews will be available from 9:30 – 9:45 prior to the ceremony.

BIOS:

Lt. Col. Scott Estes

Lt. Col. Scott Estes, a Virginia native, was commissioned into the U.S. Army Chemical Corps as a Lieutenant. After completion of the officer basic course at Ft McClellan, Alabama, he was assigned to the 25th Infantry Division (Light) at Schofield Barracks Hawaii, where he served in demanding and varied leadership positions including; squadron chemical officer for the 5th Squadron, 9th Cavalry Regiment, as Platoon Leader in the 71st Chemical Company, and the Assistant Division Chemical Officer.

Estes attended the Chemical Officer's Advanced Course and was then assigned to Fort Stewart Georgia. While assigned to Fort Stewart, he served as the 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized) Division Artillery Chemical Officer, and Commanded the Headquarters and Headquarters Company of the 3d Infantry (Mechanized) Division Support Command.

He's held the NBC Defense Advisor position for the U.S. Navy's Surface Warfare Officer School in Newport, Rhode Island. During his tour in Rhode Island, he earned his Masters degree in Environmental Management from the University of Rhode Island. His next assignment was as the Chemical Officer for the 19th Theater Support Command in the Republic of Korea. Upon his return from Korea, he attended the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Following graduation from CGSC, he was assigned to the 83rd Chemical Battalion where he served as the Battalion S-3 and Executive Officer. During this tour, he deployed with the Battalion in support of Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom.

Estes' last assignment was in the Pentagon, where he served on the Army Staff as a Synchronization Staff Officer, and as the CBRN Defense Branch Chief.

Estes awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (3OLC), the Army Commendation Medal (3OLC), the Navy Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal 5(OLC), Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, and the Army Staff Identification Badge.

Estes is married and has two children.